

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

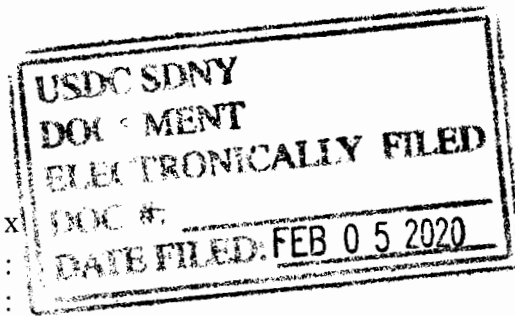
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TYRONE MASSEY,

Plaintiff,

-against-

CAPTAIN SAPP, C. OFFICER JOHN DOE,
CORRECTION OFFICER JOHN DOE,

Defendant.
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ORDER OF SERVICE

19 Civ. 11902 (GBD)

GEORGE B. DANIELS, United States District Judge:

Plaintiff, who appears *pro se* and is presently held in the North Infirmary Command on Rikers Island, asserts claims that the defendants violated his federal constitutional rights. He sues Correction Captain Sapp and two unidentified "John Doe" Correction Officers who were assigned to the George R. Vierno Center ("GRVC") on Rikers Island while he was held there. By order dated January 29, 2020, this Court granted Plaintiff's request to proceed without prepayment of fees, that is, *in forma pauperis* ("IFP").¹

This Court requests that Captain Sapp waive service of summons. This Court also directs the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York to provide the identities, badge numbers, and service addresses of the unidentified "John Doe" defendants.

DISCUSSION

Under *Valentin v. Dinkins*, a *pro se* litigant is entitled to assistance from the district court in identifying an unidentified defendant and a defendant's service address. 121 F.3d 72, 76 (2d Cir. 1997). In the complaint, Plaintiff supplies sufficient information to permit the New York City Department of Correction ("DOC") to provide the identities, badge numbers, and service addresses

¹ Plaintiff filed his complaint while he was held in the GRVC. Prisoners are not exempt from paying the full filing fee, even when they have been granted permission to proceed IFP. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1).

of the “John Doe” defendants. The “John Doe” defendants are two Correction Officers who, on December 7, 2019, during the 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. shift at the GRVC, were assigned to watch Plaintiff, who had been placed on suicide watch in “13B 48 cell.” The surname of one of those officers may begin with an “M.” The surname of the other officer may begin with a “T.” It is therefore ordered that the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, who is the attorney for and agent of DOC, must ascertain the identities, badge numbers, and service addresses of the “John Doe” defendants who Plaintiff seeks to sue here. The Corporation Counsel must provide this information to Plaintiff and this Court within sixty days of the date of this order.

Within thirty days of receiving this information, Plaintiff must file an amended complaint naming the newly identified defendants and listing those defendants’ badge numbers and service addresses. The amended complaint will replace, not supplement, Plaintiff’s complaint. An amended complaint form that Plaintiff should complete is attached to this order. Once Plaintiff has filed an amended complaint, this Court will screen it and, if necessary, issue an order requesting that the newly identified defendants waive service of summons.

Plaintiff must notify this Court if his address changes, and this Court may dismiss this action if Plaintiff fails to do so.

CONCLUSION

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this order to Plaintiff, together with an information package.

The Clerk of Court is also directed to notify the New York City Department of Correction and the New York City Law Department of this order. This Court requests that Captain Sapp, a Correction Captain who was assigned to the GRVC on December 7, 2019, waive service of summons.

The Clerk of Court is further directed to mail a copy of this order and the complaint to the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York at 100 Church Street, New York, New York 10007.


An amended complaint form is attached to this order.

This Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, and therefore IFP status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. *Cf. Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444-45 (1962) (holding that an appellant demonstrates good faith when he seeks review of a nonfrivolous issue).

Dated: New York, New York
January 30, 2020

SO ORDERED.

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GEORGE B. DANIELS
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Write the full name of each plaintiff.

-against-

____ CV ____
(Include case number if one has been
assigned)

**AMENDED
COMPLAINT**
(Prisoner)

Do you want a jury trial?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Write the full name of each defendant. If you cannot fit the
names of all of the defendants in the space provided, please
write "see attached" in the space above and attach an
additional sheet of paper with the full list of names. The
names listed above must be identical to those contained in
Section IV.

NOTICE

The public can access electronic court files. For privacy and security reasons, papers filed
with the court should therefore *not* contain: an individual's full social security number or full
birth date; the full name of a person known to be a minor; or a complete financial account
number. A filing may include *only*: the last four digits of a social security number; the year of
an individual's birth; a minor's initials; and the last four digits of a financial account number.
See Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2.

I. LEGAL BASIS FOR CLAIM

State below the federal legal basis for your claim, if known. This form is designed primarily for prisoners challenging the constitutionality of their conditions of confinement; those claims are often brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (against state, county, or municipal defendants) or in a "*Bivens*" action (against federal defendants).

☐ Violation of my federal constitutional rights

☐ Other: _____

II. PLAINTIFF INFORMATION

Each plaintiff must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

State any other names (or different forms of your name) you have ever used, including any name you have used in previously filing a lawsuit.

Prisoner ID # (if you have previously been in another agency's custody, please specify each agency and the ID number (such as your DIN or NYSID) under which you were held)

Current Place of Detention

Institutional Address

County, City

State

Zip Code

III. PRISONER STATUS

Indicate below whether you are a prisoner or other confined person:

☐ Pretrial detainee

☐ Civilly committed detainee

☐ Immigration detainee

☐ Convicted and sentenced prisoner

☐ Other: _____

IV. DEFENDANT INFORMATION

To the best of your ability, provide the following information for each defendant. If the correct information is not provided, it could delay or prevent service of the complaint on the defendant. Make sure that the defendants listed below are identical to those listed in the caption. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Defendant 1:

First Name	Last Name	Shield #
Current Job Title (or other identifying information)		
Current Work Address		
County, City	State	Zip Code

Defendant 2:

First Name	Last Name	Shield #
Current Job Title (or other identifying information)		
Current Work Address		
County, City	State	Zip Code

Defendant 3:

First Name	Last Name	Shield #
Current Job Title (or other identifying information)		
Current Work Address		
County, City	State	Zip Code

Defendant 4:

First Name	Last Name	Shield #
Current Job Title (or other identifying information)		
Current Work Address		
County, City	State	Zip Code

V. STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Place(s) of occurrence: _____

Date(s) of occurrence: _____

FACTS:

State here briefly the FACTS that support your case. Describe what happened, how you were harmed, and how each defendant was personally involved in the alleged wrongful actions. Attach additional pages as necessary.

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VII. PLAINTIFF'S CERTIFICATION AND WARNINGS

By signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that: (1) the complaint is not being presented for an improper purpose (such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation); (2) the claims are supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument to change existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.

I understand that if I file three or more cases while I am a prisoner that are dismissed as frivolous, malicious, or for failure to state a claim, I may be denied *in forma pauperis* status in future cases.

I also understand that prisoners must exhaust administrative procedures before filing an action in federal court about prison conditions, 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), and that my case may be dismissed if I have not exhausted administrative remedies as required.

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Each Plaintiff must sign and date the complaint. Attach additional pages if necessary. If seeking to proceed without prepayment of fees, each plaintiff must also submit an IFP application.

Dated		Plaintiff's Signature
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Prison Address		
County, City	State	Zip Code

Date on which I am delivering this complaint to prison authorities for mailing: _____